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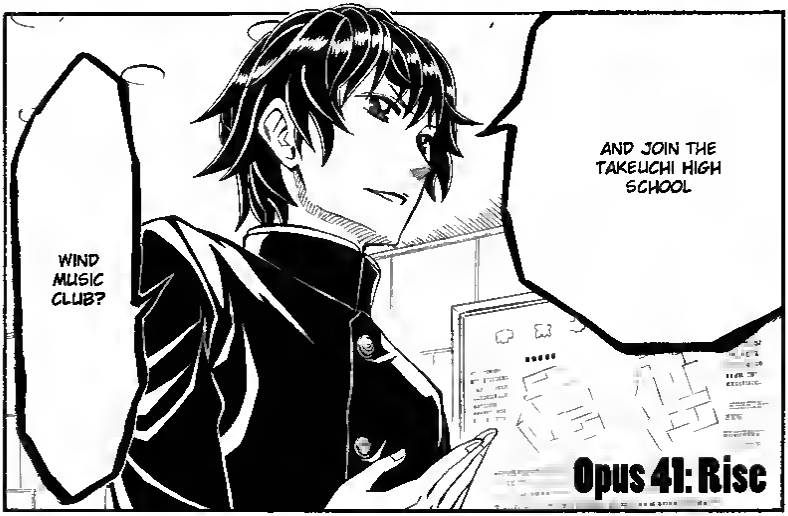
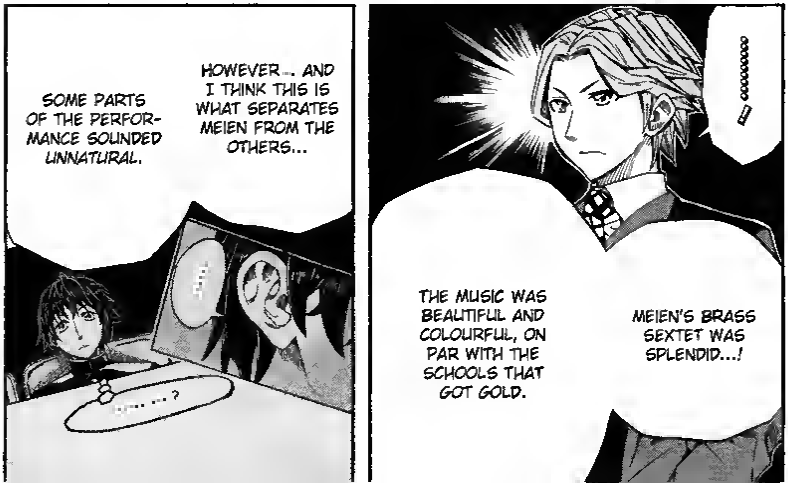
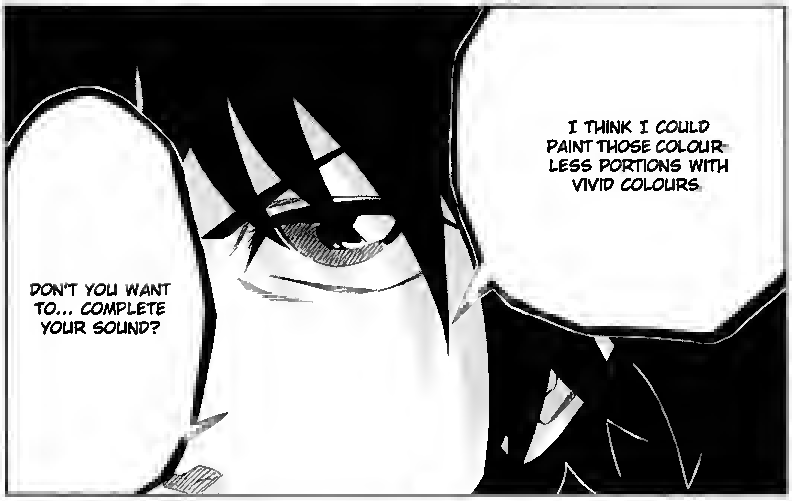
KANAIBUCHI RYOU-SAN,
WHY DON'T YOU TRANSFER

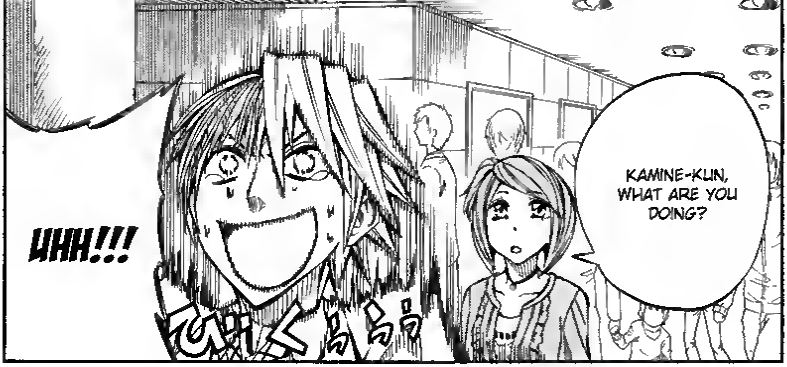

AND JOIN THE TAKEUCHI HIGH SCHOOL
WIND MUSIC CLUB?
Opus 41: Rise


MEIEN'S BRASS SEXTET WAS SPLENDID...!
THE MUSIC WAS BEAUTIFUL AND COLOURFUL, ON PAR WITH THE SCHOOLS THAT GOT GOLD.
HOWEVER... AND I THINK THIS IS WHAT SEPARATES MEIEN FROM THE OTHERS...
SOME PARTS OF THE PERFORMANCE SOUNDED UNNATURAL.

AT TIMES, YOUR SOUND LACKED COLOUR... IT BECAME COLOURLESS AND TRANSPARENT.
YOUR SOUND IS INCOM-PLETE.
TRULY A WASTE.

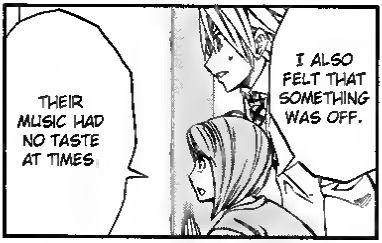

I THINK I COULD PAINT THOSE COLOUR LESS PORTIONS WITH VIVID COLOURS.
DON'T YOU WANT TO... COMPLETE YOUR SOUND?

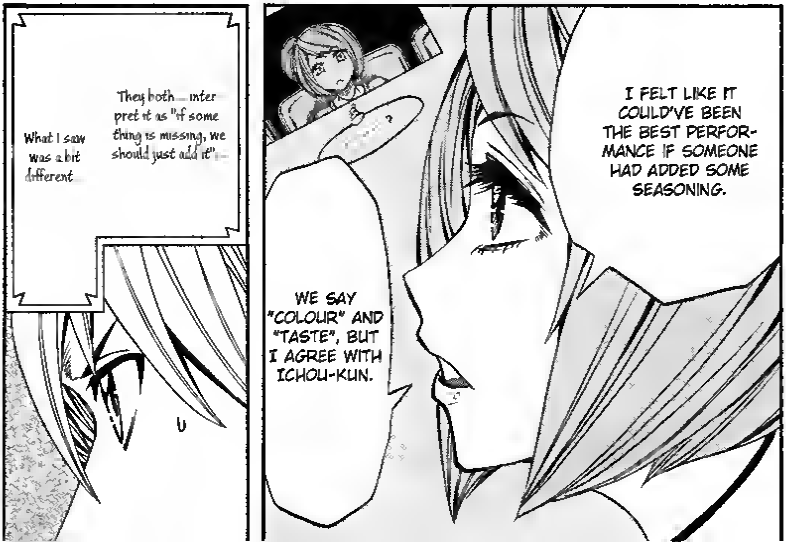
Something about Ichou's interpretation...
Is bugging me...
COLOUR-LESS SOUND
But It's strange...
So Ichou felt that too That "off" feeling...
.....?

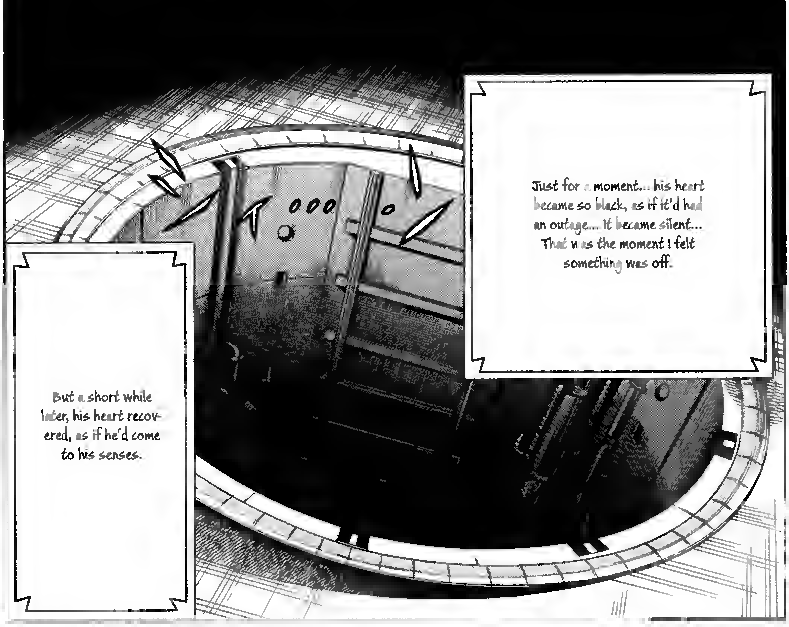

UHH!!!
KAMINE-KUN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HMM, I SEE. .

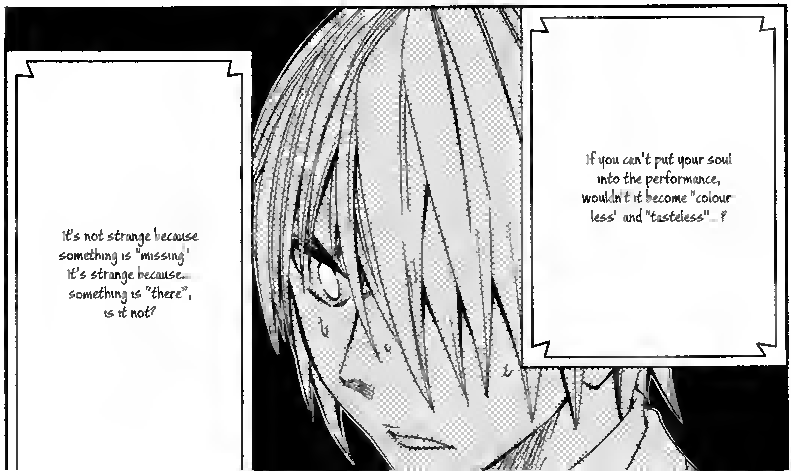
OH, ICHOU-KUN. YOU WANTED TO JOIN IN, BUT COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT TIMING, RIGHT?
I'LL GO WITH YOU. HE..
THAT'S NOT IT! THAT'S NOT IT!!


I ALSO FELT THAT SOMETHING WAS OFF.
THEIR MUSIC HAD NO TASTE AT TIMES.

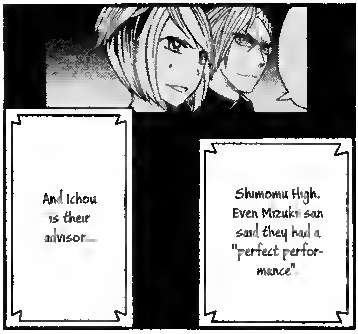

What I saw was a bit different
They both... interpret it as "if something is missing, we should just add it"...
I FELT LIKE IT COULD'VE BEEN THE BEST PERFORMANCE IF SOMEONE HAD ADDED SOME SEASONING.
WE SAY "COLOUR" AND "TASTE", BUT I AGREE WITH ICHOU-KUN.

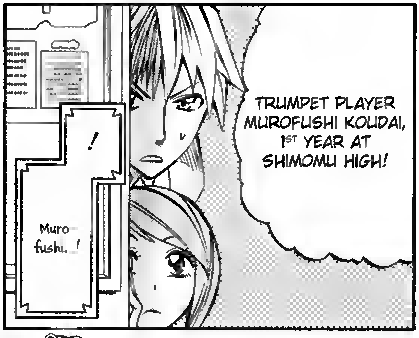

Just for a moment... his heart became so black, as if it'd had an outage... It became silent... That was the moment I felt something was off.
But a short while later, his heart recovered, as if he'd come to his senses.

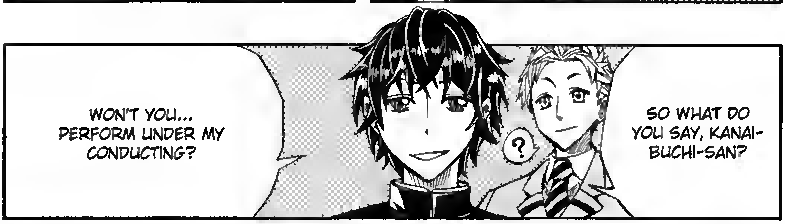
That "something" ran through Kanabuchi senpai's mind. absorbed his mind... and became an obstacle...
It was like he cut off the power to something for a moment...


It's not strange because something is "missing" It's strange because... something is "there", is it not?
If you can't put your soul into the performance, wouldn't it become "colour less" and "tasteless"...?

OH MY! JUDGING BY YOUR UNIFORM, YOU MUST BE FROM MEIEN, RIGHT!?
THERE YOU ARE, ICHOU-KUN! I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU!
However... it is true that... it's "incomplete"...


And Ichou is their advisor...
Shimomu High. Even Mizuki-san said they had a "perfect performance."


TRUMPET PLAYER MUROFUSHI KOUDAI, 1ST YEAR AT SHIMOMU HIGH!
!
Muro-fushi...!


WON'T YOU... PERFORM UNDER MY CONDUCTING?
?
SO WHAT DO YOU SAY, KANAI-BUCHI-SAN?

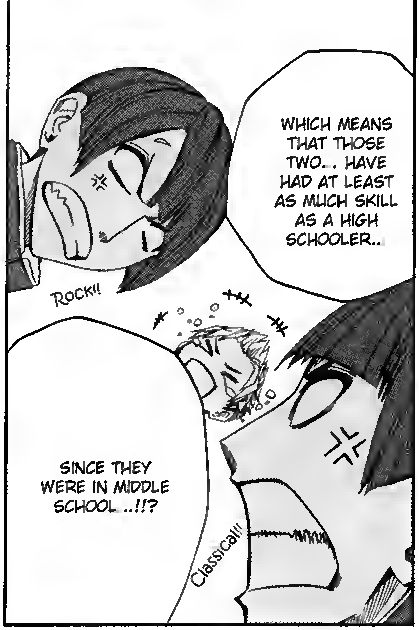
Don't tell me...!!
If Kanaibuchi-senpai wishes for "perfection"...

!!!
I REFUSE.
THE LEAST.
YOUR CONDUCTING HAS IT
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU NOT TO LEAVE MEIEN.
...I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT SAY THAT. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT I TURNED OUT TO BE RIGHT.
WHAT'S WITH HIM?

MEIEN HIGH HAS
KAMINE SHOUTA
NOW THEN.
Isn't it — necessary to remove that "something"?
Can I — do that...?
—Kanatsu chi-senpai—
Is there "something" — as I thought...?
EVERY ONE OF YOU...

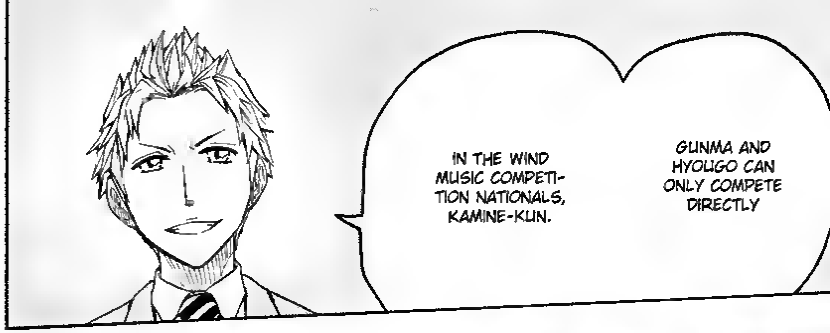
OH, KAMINE-KUN!
YOU'RE THERE, AREN'T YOU, KAMINE SHOUTA?
!!!!
ドヤァァン
EVEN FUKI-KOSHI MIZU-KI-SAN IS WITH YOU
HELLO.
GUESS YOU'D CALL THAT A GATHERING OF FIRST YEARS.
AH,
THAT'S RIGHT! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SOME STRANGE TWINS BARGED IN ON OUR MEETING! WE BECAME FRIENDS!
I'LL CALL THEM OVER!
TWINS, YOU SAY..
AH! IT'S KAMINE!
THE SAYAMA BROTHERS FROM SAITAMA HOMARE!!! YOU GUYS WERE FIRST YEARS!!?
HUH!? BUT DIDN'T SOUMA-SENPAI AND THE OTHERS KNOW YOU ALREADY..?
IN "COMBINED MID-HIGH SCHOOLS" LIKE SAITA-MA-HOMARE, IT'S COMMON TO PUT BRILLIANT MIDDLE SCHOOLERS TOGETHER WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL WIND MUSIC CLUB

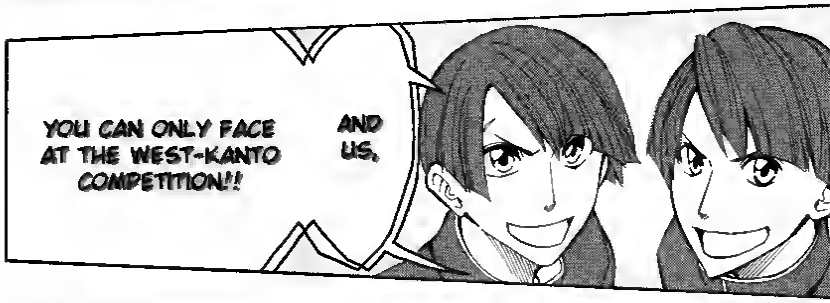
OH!!!
MOREOVER, SAITAMA HOMARE WON GOLD...!!
That's right!!

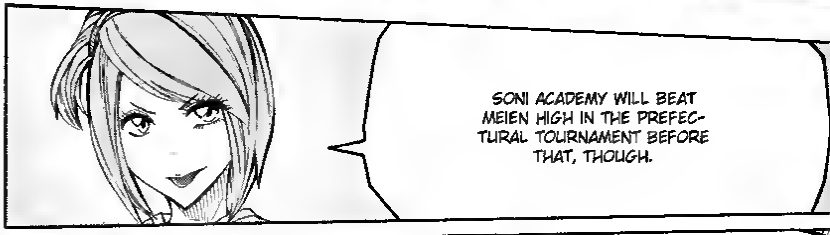

WHICH MEANS THAT THOSE TWO... HAVE HAD AT LEAST AS MUCH SKILL AS A HIGH SCHOOLER..
ROCK!!
SINCE THEY WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL ..!!?
Classical!!

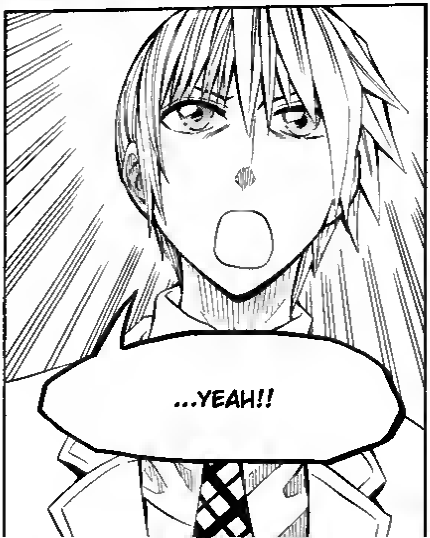
In order to win the gold prize in the nationals...!!!
And they're the ones I must surpass

They're all first years
They're the ones who will take centre stage throughout their high school careers


IN THE WIND MUSIC COMPETITION NATIONALS, KAMINE-KUN.
GUNMA AND HYOUGO CAN ONLY COMPETE DIRECTLY

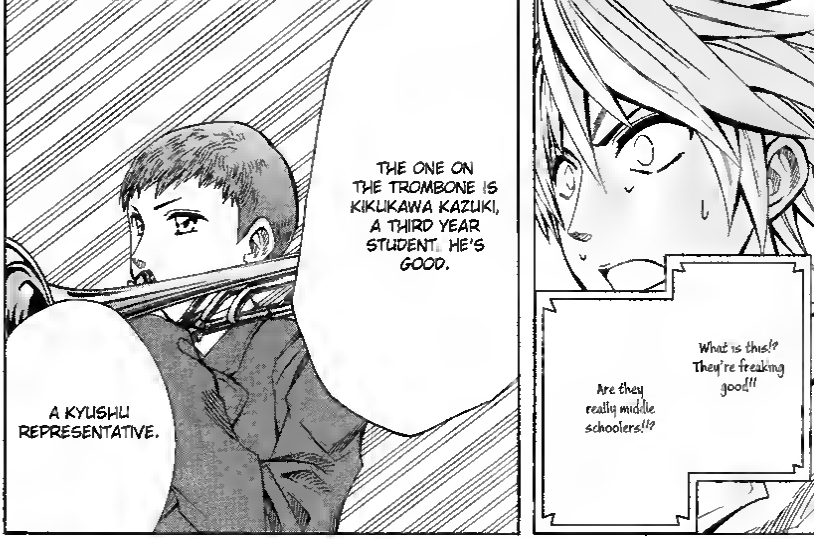

YOU CAN ONLY FACE AT THE WEST-KANTO COMPETITION!!
AND US,

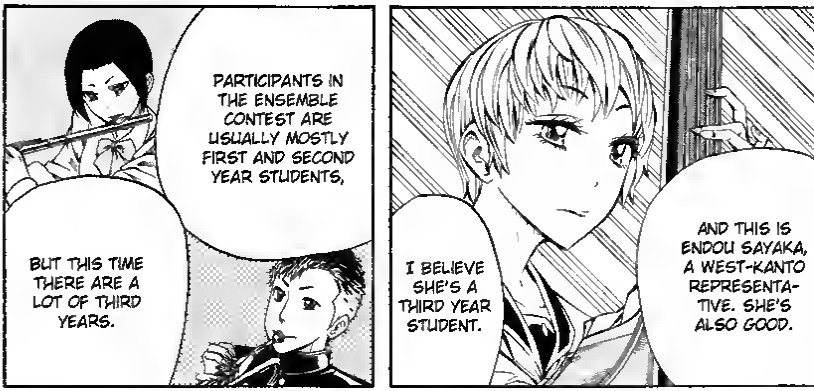

SONI ACADEMY WILL BEAT MEIEN HIGH IN THE PREFECTURAL TOURNAMENT BEFORE THAT, THOUGH.


...YEAH!!

MAKE SURE WE GET TO COMPETE WITH OUR CONDUCTING AGAIN,
KAMINE SHOUTA!!

AH! KAMINE-KUN! WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU!
SOUMA-SENPAI AND OTOWA-SENPAI?
NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE IN OKAYAMA, WON'T YOU COME AND WATCH, TOO, KAMINE-KUN?
?
WATCH WHAT?
THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PORTION OF THE ENSEMBLE CONTEST NATIONALS!


THE ONE ON THE TROMBONE IS KIKUKAWA KAZUKI, A THIRD YEAR STUDENT. HE'S GOOD.
A KYUSHU REPRESENTATIVE.
What is this!? They're freaking good!!!
Are they really middle schoolers!!?


PARTICIPANTS IN THE ENSEMBLE CONTEST ARE USUALLY MOSTLY FIRST AND SECOND YEAR STUDENTS,
BUT THIS TIME THERE ARE A LOT OF THIRD YEARS.
I BELIEVE SHE'S A THIRD YEAR STUDENT.
AND THIS IS ENDOU SAYAKA, A WEST-KANTO REPRESENTATIVE. SHE'S ALSO GOOD.

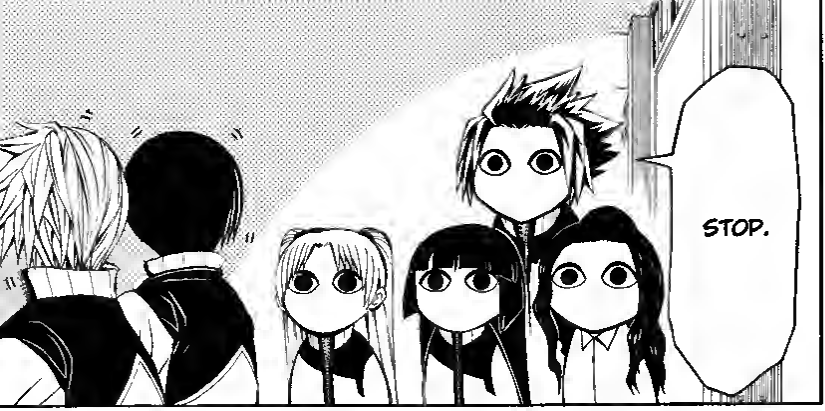
...I see. It's not just our grade.
The "younger generation" will also have a huge presence.
THEY MUST HAVE OVERCOME DIFFICULT EXAMS TO GET HERE.
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF PEOPLE LIKE THEM JOINED MEIEN!

Many things to do
There are still
QUIT DRAGGING YOUR FEET!
KAMINE!
……
TIME FOR THE LAST SECTION LEADER MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!
WE'LL TALK THROUGH THINGS ABOUT NEXT YEAR!!
HUH?
YOU HAVE TO COME, TOO!!
YES!
WITHOUT YOU, YOU KNOW!!
WE CAN'T BEGIN
YOU TOO, TOKISAKA!!

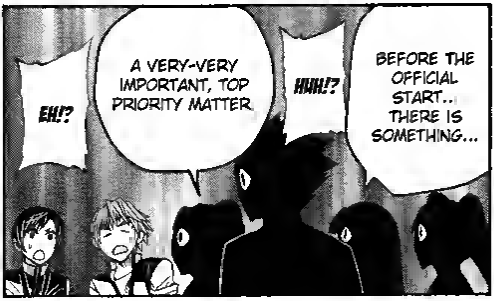
WIND MUSIC COMPETITION
NATIONAL COMPETITION GOLD PRIZE!!
IT'S ALMOST APRIL... A NEW BATTLE WILL BEGIN.
THIS WILL BE THE YEAR WE FULFILL OUR EARNEST WISH.
THE SAX SECTION HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH MOTIVATION!
I'LL ALSO PERFORM AT MY UTMOST... WE HAVE TO ENJOY THIS FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE WHO LOST, TOO!
IT'S SCARY THE SYSTEM THAT PREVENTED TWO-TIME WINNING SCHOOLS FROM PARTICIPATING IS GETTING ABOLISHED, BUT WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SHOW THEM WHAT WE'RE MADE OF.
IF WE REALIZE SOMETHING, WE SHOULD PASS IT ON TO THEM
WE MUST EDUCATE THE NEWCOMERS, TOO!
Tsuru no...!!
THE CHRONIC PRACTICE SKIPPER...!?
HE SAID "I WANT TO CUT DOWN KAMINE, SO LET ME GO TRAIN"
IT'S UNUSUAL, BUT HE CAME TO LET ME KNOW HE CAN'T MAKE IT
BY THE WAY, IS TSURUNO SKIPPING AGAIN!?
NO,

TOKI-SAKA?
YOU FEEL THE SAME, DON'T YOU,
YEAH.
.. I'VE ALSO FOUND A WALL I MUST OVERCOME.
I WILL OVERCOME MYSELF.
RIGHT NOW, EVEN AT MY FULL STRENGTH, I CAN'T REACH GOLD PRIZE IN THE NATIONALS.
WILL KAMINE CONDUCT
IN THE COMPETITION?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
BY THE WAY, KODAMA-SENSEI,
HE IS STILL A BEGINNER,
AND HE STILL HASN'T PASSED HIS "TEST" SINCE NOT ALL THE SECTION LEADERS HAVE ACKNOWL-EDGED HIM
I HAVEN'T DECIDED YET.
HONESTLY,
.....

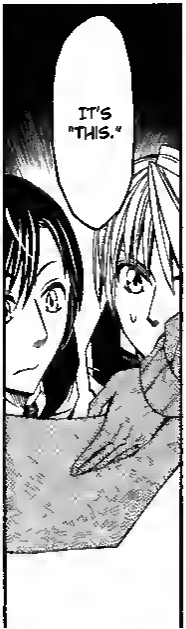
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THAT'S WHY I WANT HIM TO CONTINUE WITH DEVOTION UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT!
HOWEVER, I WON'T RULE IT OUT COMPLETELY!!
QUITE ENOUGH HOPE!!
WITH THAT, I CAN HAVE
LET'S GO!
ALL RIGHT!
NOW WE CAN OFFICIALLY .. START AIMING FOR THE COMPETITION.
YEAH.


STOP.

IF IT'S IMPORTANT .. WE'LL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER!
WHA .. WHAT IS IT? EVERYONE'S SO SCARY.. EVEN SOUMA-SENPAI..!!


EH!?
A VERY-VERY IMPORTANT, TOP PRIORITY MATTER
HUH!?
BEFORE THE OFFICIAL START.. THERE IS SOMETHING...

MAEBASHI SHIKISHIKI PARK
Cherry Festival


IT'S "THIS."

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